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MIOSHA Latex Gloves Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2008

Agenda Item #3-Survey Results

'Latex Gloves Survey Summary (A)' and 'Latex Gloves Survey in Detail (B)' dated January 16, 2008 were distributed and reviewed. The totals included the additional surveys received from Home Health Care/Hospice; Dental Hygienist and the Food Service Industry, which were each highlighted in their own table and distributed.

MaryAnn Minard surveyed 27 Home Health Care/Hospice facilities by phone in the Mid-Michigan area. The results were distributed. She also stated she will try to find a contact for additional veterinarian surveys.

Dena Hendon stated that she has contacted Jackie Balcom, Michigan Dental Hygienist Association President and Dental Health Coordinator for the Muskegon County Health Department. Ms. Balcom was bringing our survey before her board for approval in January. We have received 3 surveys to date. Dena Hendon will continue to discuss surveys with Jackie Balcom and give a report at the meeting next month.

Dena Hendon also stated that she has received 37 additional surveys from the Food Service Industry which is shown in the tables distributed. She also pointed out that although we increased the number of surveys received the percentages in each category did not change by more than 1 point.

All of the advisory committee members will try to get more responses from the survey's they have sent out. They will send their results to Gregory Bozimowski and/or Dena Hendon to be compiled.

Agenda Item #4-Discussion of Rule Revision

The advisory committee reviewed Draft #1 dated December 5, 2007. Several changes were made to the draft. A requirement for signage was added in the event latex gloves are being used. The signage size and language still needs to be discussed. During discussion the following items were suggested:

Co-Chairperson Anthony Burton will check literature for new information on permeability and durability of non-latex gloves.

Co-Chairperson Gregory Bozimowski will ask a Cardinal Health Representative the definition of 'low-allergen?'

Agenda Item #4— Next Meeting Date

Next Meeting Date – February 13th, 2008 is a conflict with several members. An e-mail will be sent to members to determine the best date for a February meeting.

Agenda Item #5—Public Comment

None

Agenda Item #6—Adjournment

With no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

****Minutes were reviewed and approved at the February 19, 2007 meeting.****

Latex Gloves Advisory Committee

Draft #2 - January 16,2008

Language for OH Part 554 Bloodborne Infectious Diseases:

1. An employer shall ensure that disposable latex gloves shall not be used unless alternatives are not technically feasible. In the event latex gloves are deemed the only technical feasible option then all of the following apply:
 - a. The employer shall document the need for the selection.
 - b. The latex gloves shall be powder-free and low-allergen content as identified by the manufacturer.
 - c. There shall be adequate signage posted.

Definitions:

Technically feasible – means that the use of non-latex gloves would significantly interfere with the intended task.